(b) if so, what are tb$_e$ detailg thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH).- (a) Yes, Sir.

. *(ir)* A copy of the Press Release issued •n the 15th July, 1986 is attached. *(See* beiow),

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Office of the Controller of Capital Issues

SEBJECT ; *Issue of "Tax Free" Bonds by Public Sector Enterprises*

Government had issued guidelines re-tarding floatation of bonds by public sector undertakings in the Telecommuniea-libns and Power Sectors in the last financial year. In the Budget Speech tbis year, the Finance Minister had announced that Government will introduce anothei •cries of public sector bonds with a tax free return.

2. In pursuance ot this, it has been decided to allow Government, corporate bodies, as may be permitted by the Government, to issue bonds for setting up of new projects, expansion or diversification of existing projects, capital expenditure for modernisation or for augmenting the icsources of the company for working capital requirements, subject to Government's clearance. This series will be in addition to *the* earlier series of Power and *Tele jam* Bonds

3. ln the new series the interest rate shall be upto a maximum of 10 per cent. The period of redemption will normally be upto 10 years, which could be increased in suitable cases. However, the interest rate and period of redemption shall be approved by the Government on a case-by-case basis. The income from these bond* shall be completely free from income tax. Th© bonds will b$_e$ exempt from Wealth Tax without any limit. They will be transferable by endorsement and delivery. Decision on quantum etc. will be take* by the Ministry of Finance on $_a$ casc-by-case basis.

New Delhi, ihe 15th July, 1986.

Borrowing by *th$_e$ Corporate* Sector

*279. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of borrowings during the last three years from public sector financial institutions and banks by the Corporate Sector and what are the details about the companies which have borrowed more than Rs. 25 crores during the last three years for capital expenditure; and

(b) what are the details about those companies falling under 'monopoly' defi-nition who have borrowed nothing from financial institutions and banks during the last three years for capital expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) The details of project finance assistance sanctioned by the financial institutions during the last three yews ta the corporate

sector (including jjoint sector) are given beiow;

(Rs. in crores)

Years	Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)	Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India (ICICI)*	Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)	Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI)**
1983-84	596·00	392·24	29·600	13·72
1984-84	1310·00	452·16	396·00	15·06
1985-86 (Provisional)	1200·00	557·71	456·00	57·60

♦Figures of ICICI's assistance are on calender year basis.

♦♦Information relating to IRBI pertains to disbursements.

The number of companies for whom yroject finance assistance of more than Rs. 25 crores was sanctioned for capital expenditure by the financial institutions (IDBI, IFCI, ICICI. Life Insunnce Corporation, Genera] Insurance Corporation. Unit Trust of India, IRBI) was 12, 13 and 14 during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 (Provisional) respectively.

(b) It has been reported by the financial institutions that as per ths list of undertakings registered under section 26 of the MRTP Act, as at the end of Deceinb.T. 1982, there were 9711 corn-panes registered under the MRTP Act which were not sanctioned assistance financial institutions during the last three years-

Goods seized by the Customs Authorities in Bombay

♦280. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprchens!vi steps are been taken to streamline the Customs operation* in Bombay to effectively fre vent smuggling along the coast and tlroD«h air services;

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the goods seized by the customs authorities during their search operations in Bombay in the years 1984, 1985 and 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The entire West Coast of the country, particularly the Bombay region including the Sahar Airport, continues to be vulnerable to smuggling activities. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs Department in the region have been re-inforced in terms of manpower and equipment. The entire West Coast region has been declared as areat highly vulnerable to smuggling for the purpose of detention of persons under the COFEPOSA Act, for the maximum period of two years. Special Air Intelligence Unit has been set up at Bombay Airport to keep close surveillance on the clearance of passengers, baggage and air cargo. X-ray baggage machines have been installed at the Sahar airport to increase the efficieency of scanning of suspected baggages. Special Narcotics Cell has been created to check trafficking in narcotic drugs.